

REMARKS

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2009. Claim 42 was rejected under 35 USC 101 as being drawn to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 42 has been amended and is now drawn to statutory subject matter.

Claims 26, 29-37, 39-42, 77, and 83 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,451,019 (hereinafter the '019 patent). The Office Action cites to the embodiment of Figure 131 of the '019 patent in rejecting these claims. The Office Action equates guide 2026 and shaft 2024 as the claimed brace, hub 2002 as the claimed body, and screw 2022 as the claimed device that secures the elongated section of the brace to the body.

Claim 26 has been amended to now include the subject matter of objected-to claim 38. For at least this reason, independent claim 26 and dependent claims 29-37, 39-42, and 83 are not anticipated by the '019 patent.

Claim 38 has been cancelled.

Claim 77 has been amended to now include that at least one hook extends from a first side of the body and a brace is positioned on an opposite second side of the body. The '019 patent does not disclose this structure. The hooks 2004, 2006 do not extend from an opposite side of the hub 2002 (equated as the claimed body) from the guide 2026 and shaft 2024 (equated as the claimed brace). The claim also now includes that the device that connects the beam to the body includes a post and a connector that attaches to the post and is able to position the curved surface at a variety of heights outward from the body. The '019 patent does not disclose a post and connector that positions the curved surface of the guide 2026 and shaft 2024 (equated as the claimed brace) at a variety of heights outward from the hub 2002 (equated as the claimed body).

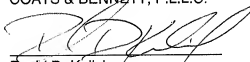
For at least these reasons, independent claim 77 is not anticipated by the '019 patent.

Claims 27-28 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the '019 patent. These claims each depend from independent claim 26 and are not made obvious for at least the same reasons as independent claim 26.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant submits the present application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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